

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 14, 27, and 28 have been amended. Claims 15-16 and 26 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-14, 17-25, 27, and 28 remain pending in the present application. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 1-13.

Claim 28 stands objected to for the asserted unclear meaning of the phrase “shifting responsive to said coarse location.” Claim 28 has been amended to amend the phrase to read “shifting based on said first location.” Applicants submit that claim 28, as amended, is clear and concise in meaning and request that the objection of claim 28 be withdrawn.

Claims 14, 17-19, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,295,325 to Farrow et al. (“Farrow”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,828,705 to Kroeger et al. (“Kroeger”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,967 to Westman (“Westman”). Claim 14 has been amended to include the features of claim 15, which has been indicated as allowable over the art of record. Applicants submit that claim 14 distinguishes over the art of record and request that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 17-19 and 24 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 14 and should distinguish over the combination of Farrow, Kroeger, and Westman for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 17-19 and 24 be withdrawn.

Claims 16, 21, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Farrow in view of Kroeger and further in view of Westman and U.S. Patent No. 6,658,048 to Valio (“Valio”). Claim 16 has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection of this claim moot. Claims 21 and 22 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 14 and should distinguish over the art of record for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants request that the §103 rejection of claims 21 and 22 be withdrawn.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Farrow in view of Kroeger and further in view of Westman and U.S. Patent No. 5,581,579 to Lin et al. ("Lin"). Claim 20 is directly dependent on claim 14 and should distinguish over the art of record for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants request that the §103 rejection of claim 20 be withdrawn.

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Farrow in view of Kroeger and further in view of Westman and U.S. Patent No. 6,064,338 to Kobayakawa et al. ("Kobayakawa"). Claims 25 is directly dependent on claim 14 and should distinguish over the art of record for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants request that the §103 rejection of claim 25 be withdrawn.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kobayakawa. Claim 26 has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection of this claim moot.

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayakawa in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0031022 A1 to Petrus et al. ("Petrus"). Applicants have amended claim 27 to depend from claim 1 which has been indicated as allowable over the art of record. Applicants therefore submit that claim 27 distinguishes over the cited art and request that the §103 rejection of claim 27 be withdrawn.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayakawa in view of Valio. Applicants have amended claim 28 to depend from claim 1 which has been indicated as allowable over the art of record. Applicants therefore submit that claim 28 distinguishes over the cited art and request that the §103 rejection of claim 28 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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